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Katharine –

I heard from my colleague in our Water Division, Mike Montgomery, that he called you this morning and left a message for you to call him back at your convenience. In addition, my colleague, David Albright shared with me the following that I wanted to pass on to you in response to your inquiry to me of last Friday. David noted that the situation you describe is hypothetically possible, although not very likely. Most, if not all, UIC projects involve multiple wells, and typically a combination of EOR and disposal wells. David suggested that you could reach out to DOGGR for a definitive response, either Al Walker or Jerry Salera.

Regards,

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Dear Brent,

Thank you again for the phone call on Monday and the US EPA's patience with Senator Pavley's schedule. It is sometimes pretty hectic here, as you might imagine.

A question arose with respect to the UIC program subsequently that I'd appreciate the US EPA's perspective on.

While UIC projects can encompass dozens of injection wells, a UIC project can include only one injection well, right? I am thinking of, for example, a single waste disposal well surrounded by primary production wells, although I suppose a single wildcat cyclic steam injection well could also (at least theoretically) be sufficiently isolated from other injection wells to be its own project.

Yes? No?

Much thanks.

Warm regards,

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